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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 19 September 2005, time for response to which was set to expire 19 December 2005. A petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until 19 March 2006 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Claims 1, 3-21, 23-26, 28-32, 35-36, 39-53 were rejected and claims 55-57 and 59-60 were withdrawn from consideration. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.